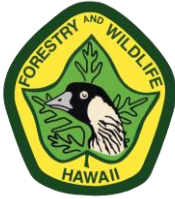
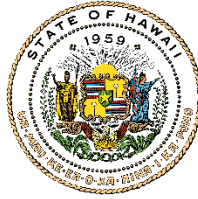


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Dear Director:

**Subject: Kapāpala Koa Canoe Management Area Draft Environmental Assessment and Anticipated Finding of No Significant Impact, TMK (3rd): 9-8-001:014, Ka'ū District, Hawai'i Island**

The Draft EA (DEA) assesses the potential effects of implementing the draft Kapāpala Koa Canoe Management Area Plan, which focuses on implementing small-scale, long term and sustainable koa harvesting for cultural uses, among other management goals. The Department of Land and Natural Resources, as the proposing and approving agency, anticipates that the proposed action is not likely to have a significant effect and therefore is issuing a notice of an Anticipated Finding of No Significant Impact (AFONSI), subject to the public review provisions of HAR Section 11-200.1-20. Please publish a notice of the DEA and AFONSI in the next edition of The Environmental Notice.

We are also providing a pdf copy of the Draft EA, the action summary, significance criteria, and other required information via the Environmental Notice online submittal platform. Please contact our project consultant, Ron Terry of Geometrician Associates, at (808) 969-7090 or [rterry@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:rterry@hawaii.rr.com), if you have any questions concerning the submittal.

Sincerely,

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